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         Requirements for Intelligence on New Port Planned Along Lower Yangtze

BACKGROUND

         Chinese Communist press reports several months ago indicated that a
completely mechanized port was to be built along the lower Yangtze during
1955. ██████████████████. No details are available as to location   25X1A7a
on planned capabilities of the port. If this is a new port it might be
an important factor in building up transport capabilities in a new area.
If it is actually an improvement to existing port facilities it might
indicate a shift in present water-borne cargoes or rail/water traffic
along the lower Yangtze.

         It is requested that intelligence be developed along the following
lines:

   1.   Pinpoint location of proposed port.

   2.   Is it a completely new port or does it involve improvement to
        an existing port?

   3.   If a new port is planned describe facilities and transport
        connections planned (rail, road, water, air). If improvement
        of an existing port is planned describe such plans, with par-
        ticular attention to improvement in cargo handling capabilities
        and transport connections.

   4.   Any intelligence available as to budgetary allocation (or actual
        expenditure) for the planned port. Is the Central Government or
        Provincial Government paying for the port? Is it a jointly
        financed project?

   5.   If the port is a new location why was that location chosen? If
        it is an existing port why was it decided to expand facilities
        at that port?

   6.   When is new port (or additional facilities to existing port) ex-
        pected to be in full operation; when in partial operation?

   7.   Any reports on estimates as to nature, volume, origin/destina-
        tion of cargoes scheduled to be handled at port.

It is suggested that ONI and CIA field collection sources be con-
tacted to develop intelligence on this requirement. The need is routine.

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